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In re Application of: Paul et al.
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HIGH PRESSURE CHROMATOGRAPHY**
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RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicants submit the following in complete response to the Office Action of 05/09/2003. In view of the response below, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

IN THE CLAIMS

13. (currently amended) A method for injecting a sample into a microscale chromatography column, comprising:

providing a microfluidic device fabricated on a substrate, the device comprising, a source of hydraulic pressure in fluid communication with a source of a buffer